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Grant Pate: new men's basketball coach

Chieftain Reports

Former Tupelo High School boys basketball coach Grant Pate has replaced Marty Cooper as head of ICC's men's basketball program.

Cooper, who announced that he would step down in January, is directing ICC's PACE program.

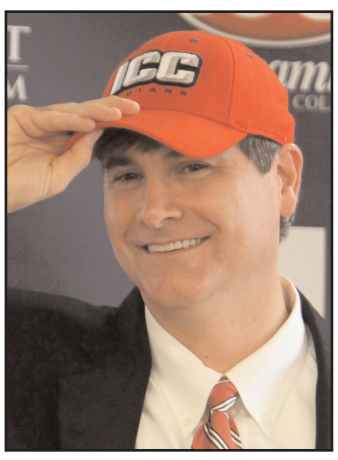
"This is an exciting day for ICC athletics," said ICC Athletic Director Carrie Ball-Williamson, in making the announcement. "Coach Pate has been very successful as the Tupelo High School boys' basketball coach, and we are very excited to have Coach Pate be a part of the ICC family."

Pate, 44, took over has head coach of the Golden Wave in 2008 and guided the team to a 26-9 record and their first trip to the MHSAA State Tournament where they advanced to the Class 6A championship game.

"I feel real blessed and excited about being the next men's basketball coach at ICC," Pate said as he put on his red ICC cap. "I want to thank everyone that was involved because there is so much I owe to so many people to be here where I am today."

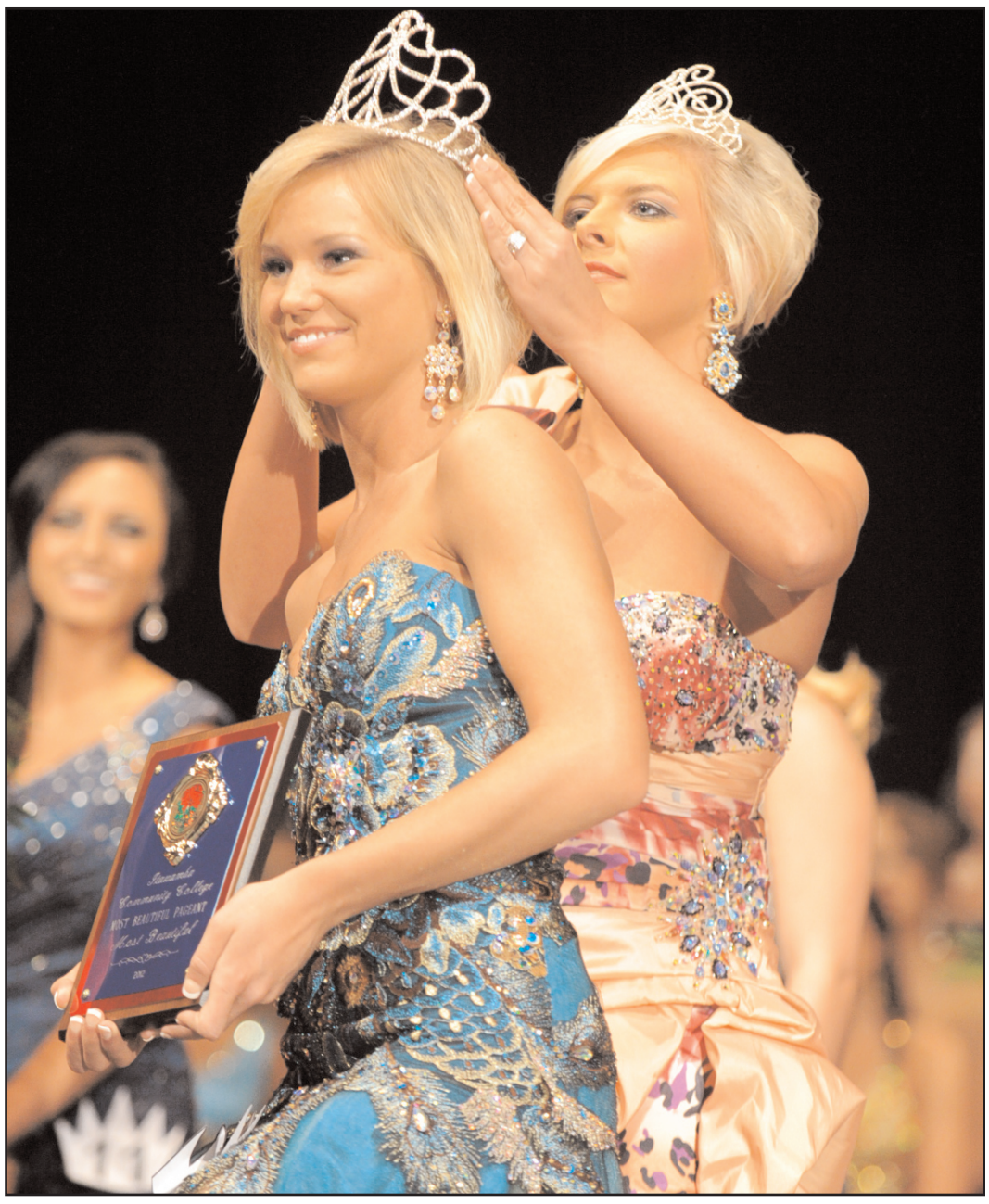
He finished with an overall record of 92-31 in four seasons as head coach of the Golden Wave.

"I'm grateful to Tupelo High School," Pate said. "I'm thankful for them giving me the opportunity to be a head coach. We couldn't have been able to achieve what we did if it wasn't for so many people at Tupelo working as a team, and that's what I sense with ICC, that we are a team, and we are a family." — ***See Coach, Page 9.***



Coach Grant Pate puts on his ICC cap. — *Lee Adams*

Lauren Mayhall Most Beautiful 2012



Judges selected Lauren Mayhall of Fulton, Itawamba Community College's Most Beautiful 2012 during the annual pageant, Mar. 20. Right, Alli Fredrick of Baldwyn, Most Beautiful 2011 crowns her successor. Below, the top five include from left, Tiffany Burnett, of Corinth, second alternate; Caitlin Kendrick of Amory, first alternate; Mayhall; Hannah McFerrin of Mantachie, third alternate; and Kaitlin Lawrence of Starkville, fourth alternate. More than 30 contestants competed for the title.

— Staff Reports —

Visible IDs required beginning Aug. 12

Chieftain Reports

Itawamba Community College's full-time faculty, staff and students on all three campuses will be required to wear ID badges on the front of their clothing either by clip or lanyard beginning Aug. 12, according to Buddy Collins, vice president of Student Services.

Full-time on-campus employees and adjunct faculty who are on any of the College's three campuses between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. are being required to obtain and display the photo IDs and begin wearing them as soon as possible, Collins said. "As part of the campaign we are asking all faculty and staff to lead the way."

IDs will be made for those who are required to begin displaying the cards and who don't already have them at the following locations and times:

Fulton Campus — Mar. 29 from 1-4 p.m.and Apr. 4 from 1-3 p.m., Public Relations Department, Student Services Building;

Tupelo Campus — Apr. 2, 1-3 p.m. and Apr. 5, 2-4 p.m., Career Center, Student Services Building;

Belden Center — Best time will be determined.

"Displaying the badges will make it easier for college officials and students to identify each other," Collins said. "This is an important project and will require the cooperation of the entire college community."

Seven represent ICC at Capitol Day

Chieftain Reports

More than 200 students, faculty and administrators of the 15 Mississippi community colleges converged on the state Capitol last Tuesday to share their message about the colleges' needs with state leaders.

The colleges provide higher education and workforce training to thousands of Mississippians while at the same time grappling with low state appropriations.

"If you go around this building and talk to our leaders, every one of them will talk to you about the need to create jobs in Mississippi," said Dr. Scott Elliott, president of Meridian Community College and chairman of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges. "The three highest priorities are jobs, jobs, jobs. Before you can have job creation, you've got to have workforce development."

"Itawamba Community College is a strategic partner in fueling the economic development of the region," said ICC President Dr. David C. Cole. "Tax funds invested in a community college student pay immediate dividends. A great majority of our graduates remain in the local workforce."

"I would challenge anyone to match the 'deliverables' of the Mississippi community college system," Elliott said. "We will prepare students for matriculation to senior colleges and universities. We will prepare students in the career and technical fields for entry-level jobs."

Over the past three years, credit enrollment has climbed 23 percent, from 67,779 to 83,210 students. In fall 2010, 72 percent of all Mississippi freshmen in public institutions were enrolled in a community college. At the same time, the colleges are 39 percent below Mid-Level Funding approved by legislators in 2007.

Mid-Level Funding mandates per-student funding for community colleges that is midway between per-student funding for K-12 student and regional public university students. Using data for FY 2010, the regional public universities were funded at $6,648 per student, and public schools were funded at $4,638 per student. Accordingly, community colleges should have been funded at $5,643 per student, but instead received only $3,277 per student.

"Our request is simple: that the Legislature make community colleges a priority," said Dr. Eric Clark, executive director of the Mississippi Community College Board. "We know that we can't hit the target but we're asking to be a priority in funding. We're asking for significant progress toward Mid-Level Funding so that the educational institutions that are the best bargain, that provide job training, that provide the quickest payback on the state's investment and that are historically underfunded can do more to provide our citizens with the job skills to make a good living in the 21st century and pay more taxes in our state."

ICC representatives who attended Community College Capitol Day include front, from left, Ashley Ard, Kristen Hopper; middle, Tyler Camp, Tasha Thames, Dr. David Cole; back, Debbi Johnson and Billy Carson II.

Just prior to the community college news conference, state leaders received good news from state economist Darrin Webb, which resulted in the Joint Legislative Budget Committee adopting increased revenue estimates for the current fiscal year and FY 2013 to reflect growth in state tax collections. Current year estimates rose by $99 million. The FY 2013 budget estimate rose by $128 million.

Later in the afternoon the Democrats held a news conference in which they asked that more money be appropriated for education, including community colleges. "With our improving economy, we have enough money to maintain level funding," said Sen. Hob Bryan, D-Amory.

Hinds Community College President Dr. Clyde Muse said he is hopeful that community colleges "will make significant progress toward Mid-Level Funding. No one disputes the notion that the only way our state can improve its economic standing is by increasing the educational attainment of its citizens. Funding for education must be the state's first priority."

In addition to Dr. Cole, others who represented ICC include students Ashley Ard of Pontotoc; Kristen Hopper and Tyler Camp, both of Mantachie; and Debbi Johnson of Shannon; and Faculty Association presidents Tasha Thames of Fulton (Fulton Campus) and Billy Carson of Saltillo (Tupelo Campus).

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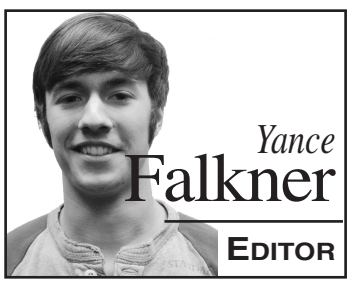
'Act of Valor' offers different messages

Viewpoint



Yance Falkner
EDITOR

Recently I made my way to the Malco Theater in Tupelo to see the movie, "Act of Valor."

Aside from the amazing action scenes in the movie, you can take away so much from the storyline. It tells of the sacrifice that our military personnel make. We hear about this every day and so much to the point that I think we take it for granted at times.

These individuals spend countless hours away from their families, knowing that they could be shot down at any moment. It's a high-stress, high-risk environment.

It also gave me a fresh sense of understanding how much our military protects us, sometimes without our knowing it. Who knows how many terrorist attacks have been prevented by these individuals without our ever hearing about it. And yet, they continue to serve. Not for glory, fame or recognition, but out of a true sense of duty and loyalty to a country they believe in and love.

Do you feel that kind of love for your country? Sometimes, I think we need to stop. Slow down. And remember. Remember our beginnings. Think about the origin of our country. Think about **why** our country came to be. When you look at the founding of our country, it was full of men who were passionate about what they were doing: making a country free from the tyranny of governmental abuse. Now the soldiers carry out their right to protect that freedom, but do you?

As citizens, we are free to defend our rights. In fact, it is our duty to defend those rights. The Declaration of Independence states, "It is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government," speaking of when Government carries out a "long train of abuses and usurpations." therefore our duty is to defend the rights our Founding Fathers worked so hard to establish.

You do this first by knowing the rights given to you, then by staying active. Keep up with what your local politicians are dong and call them out when they are wrong. Also, go to the polls and make an informed vote. Know for whom you are voting. That is your duty as an American.

Now, off of that soap box and back on topic. A friend of mine who also saw "Act of Valor" took a little bit something different from the movie. He said it made him think of how one chooses to live his/her life. When your time comes to die, will you be ready or will you be full of regret? Will you be able to pass peacefully, or will your heart be heavy from all of the wrong and negative influence you've left behind? That really hit home with me. It was a heavy statement. It made me stop, think and consider what I've done in my life to make it worthwhile. I hope you will do the same. As George Washington said, "I shall not be deprived...of a comfort in the worst event, if I retain a consciousness of having acted to the best of my judgment."

And in case you're wondering, yes, I strongly encourage your going to see "Act of Valor." It is a stellar movie. The action is intense; the story is riveting and it will leave you with a greater sense of appreciation for our military.

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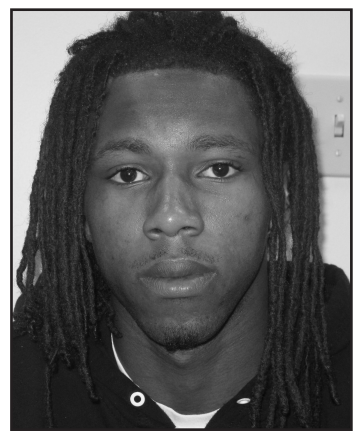
Why does graduation matter at ICC?

CHAD MCCOY
Houston
"It makes all the difference in the world."

FORREST FREDERICK
Mooreville
"You can get a better job, and it looks good on a resume."

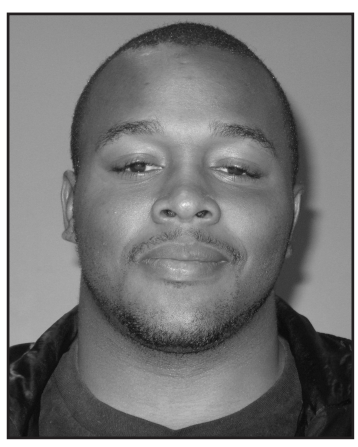
ASHLEY DODSON
Saltillo
"Because I would like to have something to show for the two years I spent at ICC."



COURTNEY GLADNEY
Olive Branch
"Because it'll help later in life."

CARLI REEDER
Fulton
"To finish what I started at ICC."

KATHERINE COWARD
Mooreville
"It's easier to find jobs if you have a degree and to have something to fall back on."



JARETTE COOPER
Eupora
"Your education is the only thing that no man can take away from you."

ZANE SAWYER
Amory
"A diploma is a good way to remember your time at ICC."

BRANDIE JOHNSON
Houston
"Without graduating you wouldn't get a good job and make money."

LA'ASIA BILLUPS
Baldwyn
"To have some type of degree no matter what happens."

KYLE WALKER
Pontotoc
"It helps you get accepted when transferring."

FELIX CAINE
Fayette, Ala.
""It provides good opportunities."

The opinion poll was conducted and photos by Yance Falkner.

PTK builds community leaders

Commentary

Christy Sudduth
CHIEFTAIN

What impact can Phi Theta Kappa members have on their fellow students? Faculty members? Society?

While attending Itawamba Community College, I have learned that this question or these questions have been in the back of students' minds.

How do I know?

I once was a student who did not have a clue what it meant to be in Phi Theta Kappa. I wondered what the society could do for me and my family as well as for my friends.

Many students may think that being in PTK is just for smart students, which is correct, since the society is made up of the most intelligent student leaders on campus.

Reaching out to the community was one of my interests when I arrived at ICC. However, it took time to realize that I needed to be in this prestigious and intellectual group who loved to serve the community, family and surrounding neighbors.

Phi Theta Kappa provided me that opportunity.

Still wondering what PTK members can do for you as students? As faculty members? As a society?

As a student, the members in PTK as well as advisors go beyond their duty to help you succeed in your classes and in your career.

PTK members are tutors, band and choir participants and work as resident assistants in campus housing.

They are all willing to help fellow students cope with tests and other stressful areas of every day college life.

In addition, members and advisors want to assist students in areas both on- and off-campus.

It doesn't take much to notice that the members and advisors truly care about the overall well-being of the community. Reaching a helping hand by collecting canned goods for the Itawamba Food Pantry is just one of its many service projects which are designed to show community love and "being a good neighbor."

If you have the opportunity, get involved with Phi Theta Kappa. Become a member and change lives.

Most importantly, learn how to positively serve and lead the future educators, doctors, nurses and all other great students. After all, we need each other.

The impact of Phi Theta Kappa is not only felt locally at Itawamba Community College, but it echoes all over the United States.

A helping hand is always needed to guide students to their destinations instead of their just flying solo.

Phi Theta Kappa members provide this helping hand. Will you be a helping hand, too? Will you be a leader?

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'12 March

TUESDAY - MARCH 27

■ SGA officers' pictures, Public Relations, noon

'12 April

THURSDAY - APRIL 5

■ Jazz Band Concert, Fine Arts Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY - APRIL 6

■ Easter Holiday

MONDAY - APRIL 9

■ Chamber Choir, Fine Arts Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY - APRIL 12

■ Choir Concert, Fine Arts Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY - APRIL 17

■ Fashion Tribe Tryouts, Technical Education Building, 201, 3:30 p.m.

MONDAY - APRIL 23

■ Faculty Solo Guitar Recital, Fine Arts Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY - APRIL 24

■ Band Concert, Fine Arts Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY - APRIL 27

■ Last day to drop with "W"

For sports schedules, see page 11.

Check ICC's website, www.iccms.edu, for updates.

Dana Bramlitt

Good grief? IT HURTS!

Commentary

Vickie Cochran
COUNSELOR

When I hear the name "Charles Shultz," I can't help but think of Sunday morning paper comic strips. Charles Shultz, of course, is the creator of the infamous characters in "Peanuts." You know...Linus, Lucy, Sally, Pepper, Snoopy, Woodstock and everyone's favorite train wreck, Charlie Brown.

One characteristic I always admired in "ole" Chuck was his ability to get right up, brush himself off and start all over again...but only after delivering his faithful phrase, "Good Grief!!" Grief? Good? **How?** Grief **hurts!**

For this edition's mental health article, please allow me to share a personal reflection of human emotion that many of us struggle at one point or another in our lives, but at the same time, one which is also a necessary component of any healing journey: Grief.

I'll never forget the moment I received an urgent phone call from my grandmother frantically summoning me to the North Mississippi Medical Center where my dad had just been taken into the ER. I will never forget Dr. Ken Davis, who was at that time Chief of Medicine, personally coming into the room to investigate further. What we didn't know at the time was that a particularly deadly strain of staph infection had somehow penetrated my dad's spinal column. The time was 2 p.m., Sunday, March 9, 2003. By 3 p.m. my dad was in a private ICU unit. By 7 p.m. most of his vital organs had begun to shut down, and he was beginning to hallucinate. At 10 p.m., we all said goodnight and headed to the ICU resting area. That was the last time I would ever hear him say, "I love you." Around 5:45 a.m., Dr. Davis sent for our family. At 9:37 a.m., my dad had his "home-going." I graduated from college two months later. Good grief...hardly.

In July of the following year, my mother was diagnosed with Stage IV lung cancer, and on April 18, 2005, she also celebrated her "home-going."

Fast forward three years.

Late in 2008, my husband and I made the decision to serve as full-time caregivers to my dad's parents. This meant merging two bookend generations into one household.

As many of my ICC family already know, my beloved grandfather made his "home-going" after a 12-year battle with Alzheimer's disease in early August of 2010. Grief? You'd better believe it.

My motivation for writing this reflection is grounded in compassion...for my ICC family who have experienced personal losses recently...for our community which will embrace a significant anniversary of last April's devastating tornadoes and compassion for those who may believe that therapists are somehow immune to the adversities that may overwhelm us at times. My friends, Compassion = Good Grief.

Now, even though the details of my experience may be different from anyone else who has lost a loved one, the emotion felt is the **same**: Grief. Why are we as a society so quick to classify grief as "losing control," or even worse, as weak?" Let's explore **common** misconceptions regarding what it means to grieve?

Grief is predictable. Not so.

Grief is chaotic and lacks order or predictability. Emotions go up and down for several months or even longer. Typically there is no rhyme or reason to when grief hits. One minute you may feel fine and handling grief well, then another minute feel like you are going crazy and will never make it through the grief process.

Ignoring grief will make it go away or lessen the pain. Wrong!

Many people must experience the pain of grief and work through it before healing can occur Grief symptoms have a way of surfacing on their own, so trying to ignore grief can complicate the grieving process. Periodically you may want to allow yourself to take a brief break from grief, but that is different than ignoring grief and pain.

All losses are the same. Wrong again!

All losses are not the same. You may find yourself grieving the loss of a best friend different from grieving the loss of a spouse or the loss of a colleague at work.

I shouldn't be struggling if I don't know the person. Not so!

Grief is cumulative, and it's common for one loss to trigger another loss you've experienced. It is common to feel helpless when a loss occurs and it is common for this feeling to be helplessness or other (shock, numbness, confusion, anger, etc.) again.

I feel like a part of me just died...there must be something wrong with me. No way!

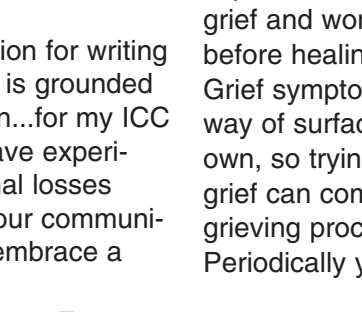
It's common to feel like your heart has been ripped out of your chest or that part of you died when your loved one died. If you feel this way, you are not alone. Grief is painful and it hurts. Life will never be the same, but you will eventually be able to continue to function.

The goal of grief is to get over it.

Time does not necessarily heal grief, and one does not ever "get over" the death of someone close. Doing your grief work will help you heal the wounds. Eventually you can learn to live with loss and its challenges.

Time rules our lives; We must use it wisely

Commentary



Leslie Clock
CHIEFTAIN

Have you ever stopped to think about what time means?

Time rules our lives and we worship time whether we know it or not.

Everything we do goes by the clock's tick tock.

Time also passes so fast. I recently tried to close my eyes and count the seconds of a minute to see if I could stay on time with my watch, but I had no luck even after the third try.

When I was young, I couldn't seem to get anywhere on time. Just when I made plans at a certain time, I would always seem to run 10 minutes late.

My father was in the military, so it didn't help me any when I showed up late. He would always say, "you couldn't get anywhere on time if you started a day early."

I figured out how to be on time when I learned how important time is to others and how much it means to my life.

My biggest problem that caused me to be late was underestimating time or in taking time for granted.

If I knew it took 10 minutes to get somewhere, I didn't take into account how long it would take to prepare to leave.

Now, I would rather miss an entire day of plans than to show up 10 minutes late. That 10 minutes can mess up your entire day.

I have had the opportunity to work with some wonderful people in past jobs, and of course, there are always some coworkers whom you wonder how they tie their shoes and get dressed by themselves.

I will say this, I have found out that most employers would choose an employee who gets to work on time over an employee with more knowledge and experience to get the job done.

People like consistency. It gives us a feeling of security, and in the workforce that is in high demand.

Time means everything. If you're looking for a job, don't give up because you might miss your right time.

Pursuing a college degree requires time, so don't give up. Continue to show up, and you will achieve your goal.

If you had the ability to change time to fir your schedule, would you change it? How would you spend your time?

Our main goal should be to establish how we are going to use our time the rest of our lives.

Stop and think about how we would like to spend our time in the future, and you will think of how you will not be spending your time.

No one likes to waste time, especially someone else's wasting our time.

Patience is considered a gift from God and to gain the ability to be patient, you must learn to endure difficult situations in life that are beyond our control.

Many times we want something to show for the time we spend whether it be with a job, school, relationship or even alone time. Humans desire instant gratification in order to feel a sense of achievement. How you choose to spend your time is the most important thing you will ever control in life.

So, let's look at it from the viewpoint of exercising, talking, listening, shopping, dancing, singing, painting and anything else we would like to do better or even learn to do.

No matter what you would like to spend your time doing, know that you will do it better the more time you spend on it.

Also, make sure that your time is focused on goals that are verbs, and then put them into action. So if you sit around and play video games, you may fail English class, but beat the game of Mortal Combat.

When we know something will never give us the result we want or need, why do we as humans waste so much time?

I think that wasted time allows us to learn from our mistakes and to set our goals and gain the motivation to achieve.

If you're looking for a quick fix to a problem in your life, you might as well consider yourself wasting time, because there isn't one.

Manage your time to better your life, and you will know true happiness.

Now that we have more daylight, focus on using the time outdoors studying. It will give you an opportunity to be outside and to keep up with your class work.

I'm not saying that I will never be late again or lose track of time, but I have learned the importance of time, and right now I am thankful you have taken your valuable time to allow me to share my thoughts and my time with you.

Teacher Spotlight

Robin Lowe

Originally from Tupelo and currently residing in Amory, **Robin Lowe** has been an instructor at ICC for more than five years.

She is married to Michael Lowe, and they have a six-year-old daughter, Caroline.

At ICC, she has served as Phi Theta Kappa advisor and as a member of the Honors Council. Her honors include Meritorious Achievement award (2009), William Winter Scholar (2007) and STAR Teacher at Amory High School (2003-2004), where she taught for four years. Lowe has also been a member of the LRC committee. She has served as co-writer for the Literary Analysis chapter and author of a critical analysis essay for the "For Our Students" textbook.

Lowe earned the associate's degree at ICC in 1993. Her educational background also includes both the bachelor's and master's degrees from Mississippi State University.

During her free time she enjoys reading, gardening, exercising and spending time with her family and friends. She is a member of the LGA and St. Andrews' Methodist Church in Amory.

"Teaching is my passion," Lowe said. "I want my students to work hard and enjoy learning. When I see my students understand a difficult concept, it is very rewarding. I love to see them succeed and achieve their careers. That makes me truly happy and proud." — ***Christy Audriana Sudduth, Chieftain***

Briefly Speaking

CODE RED SIGNUP URGED

Chieftain Reports

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APR. 2 - SEI DEADLINE

Chieftain Reports

Itawamba Community College's administration is seeking feedback from students on a variety of areas, including instruction and student services.

The spring semester's Student Evaluation of Instruction will be administered through Apr. 2, according to Amy Cappleman, director of Strategic Planning and Assessment.

All student surveys are anonymous. They are conducted through the office of Institutional Research, Effectiveness and Accountability, which is completely independent from the student services and instructional services divisions. Instructors do not receive the SEI results until after grades are submitted at the end of each semester. Comments on SEIs are always reviewed by administration.

Completion of the surveys will allow students to early register for the summer and fall semesters.

Online surveys will be administered on campus police, student affairs, student activities and the bookstore.

Advising Center:
Region IV best presentation

Chieftain Reports

Itawamba Community College's Advising Center has won the Best of Region IV at the National Academic Advising Association conference earlier this month in Miami, Fla. at Florida International University.

Director Mande Miller and advising training specialist Diann Nichols won the award for their presentation entitled "Tackling Technology in Advising: Bench to MVP."

The presentation outlined the story of the work of the advising subcommittee from development of the "playbook" to current coaching practices in advising including "the tremendous technology developed by ICC's special team," according to Dr. Jan Reid-Bunch, dean of Academic Instruction.

"Advising poses a variety of challenges, and the game plan you develop can determine if you make it to the Super Bowl," the abstract said. "After increasing graduation rates by 54 percent, ICC set forth a comprehensive advising plan to tackle the crates of paperwork otherwise known as the advisee/adviser files. "

Within a six-month period, ICC implemented and developed a custom advising portal. The technology-driven advising strategy assisted in formalizing an online advising planning form and provided direct support for both students and advisers.

Mande Miller, director of ICC's Advising Center, discusses program requirements with Rakel Gibson. The center's presentation by Miller and advising training specialist Diann Nichols won the Best of Region IV at the National Academic Advising Association Conference recently in Miami, Fla.

The award was voted on by the 400 conference attendees from Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi. Region IV also includes Puerto Rico and the Caribbean.

Miller and Nichols will present at the National NACADA conference in Nashville in October. The conference material will include the designation as Region IV winner.

Approximately 40 concurrent sessions were offered at the Region IV conference.

ICC's Dr. Jan Reid-Bunch receives 2012 WHEMN Leadership award

Chieftain Reports

Dr. Jan Reid-Bunch of Saltillo, dean of Academic Instruction at Itawamba Community College since 2003, has received the 2012 Women in Higher Education — Mississippi Network Leadership award.

"The award is presented to an individual who has made significant professional contributions in her field and who is recognized statewide as a leader of exceptional ability," said Amy Tuck, WHEMN conference coordinator and special assistant to the president of Mississippi State University. "Dr. Jan Reid-Bunch is an outstanding representative of Women in Higher Education — Mississippi Network. The WHEMN organization congratulates her upon her selection as the honoree of the 2012 Leadership Award of Women in Higher Education — Mississippi Network."

The award was established to recognize women who have demonstrated their leadership and commitment to the advancement of women in higher education. Among the criteria for selection are mentoring, established practices of enhancing campus climate by finding ways and means to inspire colleagues and institutions to higher levels of achievement, being a role model for all women of all ages and career paths, an advocate of women's issues, innovative approaches to leadership challenges and the inspiration of positive changes in work environment and community.

Bunch's educational background includes the bachelor's degree from Mississippi University for Women, master's degree from the University of Mississippi and doctorate degree from Mississippi State University. Previously she served as director of choral activities (1992-2001) and assistant to the President of Holmes Community College (1999-2003).

Dr. Jan Reid-Bunch, center, dean of Academic Instruction at ICC, receives the Women in Higher Education — Mississippi Network Leadership award from Anna Faye Kelly Winders of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and Amy Tuck, special assistant to the president of Mississippi State University and WHEMN conference coordinator.

Her current memberships include Mississippi Network of Women in Higher Education (public relations chair — one year), MACJC Academic Officers' Association and the CREATE Foundation Education Workforce committee. She is a former member of the Mississippi Association of Institutional Researchers (treasurer — two years), Southern Association of Community College Researchers, Mississippi Corridor Consortium Management committee, Garden Park Homeowner's Association and Itawamba Attendance Center Advisory Council. Her community involvement includes member of New Expectations for Women in Mississippi — NEWMS — CREATE Foundation, Lee County Community Development Foundation, member of Harrisburg Baptist Church and its adult sanctuary choir, Fulton Rotary Club, Fulton Civic Club (past president), Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs (2009 District III Convention general chairman), Itawamba Attendance Center PTO, Itawamba Symphony Society and advocate and fundraiser for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Among her honors and awards are Outstanding Young Women of America, Mississippi Community College Fellowship Program, Mississippi Community College Faculty Lamplighter for Excellence, Fellow in Education Policy Fellowship Program, American Association of Community Colleges Future Leaders Institute, Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal Women at Work, Community Development Foundation Jim Ingram Leadership Institute, AACC Teaching by Choice Leadership Summit Task Force, Mississippi Business Journal "Top 40 Under 40," AACC National Convention presenter, Leadership Mississippi and JDRF 2009 Walk for a Cure Bronze award.

The award was presented during the 2012 WHEMN Spring Leadership Conference at Mississippi State University.

Also attending from ICC were President Dr. David C. Cole; Dr. Betsy Chesnutt, Jada Mills, Jennifer Cooper, Tasha Thames, all of Fulton; Mande Miller, Dr. Janae Hagan, Dana Hale, all of Saltillo; Diann Nichols of Golden; Dr. Bronson Prochaska of Mantachie; Emily Tucker of Guntown; Beth Tuck and Amy Cappleman, both of Tupelo.

WHOM TO SEE

FULTON CAMPUS

Information on	Consult
Advanced Placement	Dr. Sara Johnson
Academic Honors	Registrar's Office
Activities Calendar	Vice President of Student Services
Admissions and Records	Registrar's Office
Athletics	Carrie Ball-Williamson
Band	Brian Gillentine
Books and Supplies	Bookstore
Career Planning	Adviser, Dr. Bronson Prochaska
Car Registration and Decals	Campus Police
Change in Curriculum	Adviser, Student Affairs
Change of Adviser/Major	Mande Miller
Counseling (Career)	Dr. Bronson Prochaska
Counseling (Technical and Academic)	Larry Boggs, Allyson Cummings, Will Bunch, Andy Kirk
Counseling (Personal and Social)	Larry Boggs, Allyson Cummings, Will Bunch,Andy Kirk
Course Placement	Dr. Jan Reid-Bunch
Evaluation of Credits	Registrar's Office
Examinations	Instructor
Faculty Office Hours	Instructor
Financial Aid and Work Study	Bob Walker
Graduation Requirements and Applications	Registrar's Office
I.D. Cards	Public Relations
Intramurals and Activities	Alex Williamson
Library	Dr. Glenda Segars
Log-Ins and PINs	TIS Help Desk
Parking (Permits, Facilities, Regulations, Fines)	Campus Police
Part-Time Jobs	Student Affairs
Placement Testing	Student Affairs
Publicity and Publications	Public Relations
Registration	Cay Lollar
Schedule Changes	Adviser
Schedule Planning	Adviser
Scholarships	Larry Boggs
Student Government	Buddy Collins
Student Organizations/Clubs	Sponsors
Summer School	Student Affairs, Dr. Sara Johnson
Testing (Career)	Dr. Bronson Prochaska
Transcripts	Registrar's Office
Tuition, Fees and Deferrals	Business Office
Use of Campus Property/Facilities	Buddy Collins, Jennie Cates
Veterans Affairs	Bob Walker

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Admissions and Records	Student Affairs
Advanced Placement Credit	Director, Student Affairs
Books and Supplies	Bookstore
Career Planning	Adviser, Carla Rose
Car Registration and Decals	Campus Police, Business Office
Counseling	Student Affairs
Evaluation of Credits	Brad Boggs
Financial Aid	Financial Aid Office, Student Affairs
Job Placement	Carla Rose
Library	Learning Resource Center
Log-Ins and PINs	TIS Help Desk
Parking	Campus Police
Public Relations	Donna Thomas
Registration and Early-Registration	Student Affairs
Schedule Planning	Student Affairs
Scholarships	Brad Boggs
Student Activities	Student Affairs
Student Government	Cynthia Adams, Buddy Collins
Transcripts	Student Affairs
Tuition and Fees	Business Office
Veterans Affairs	Student Affairs

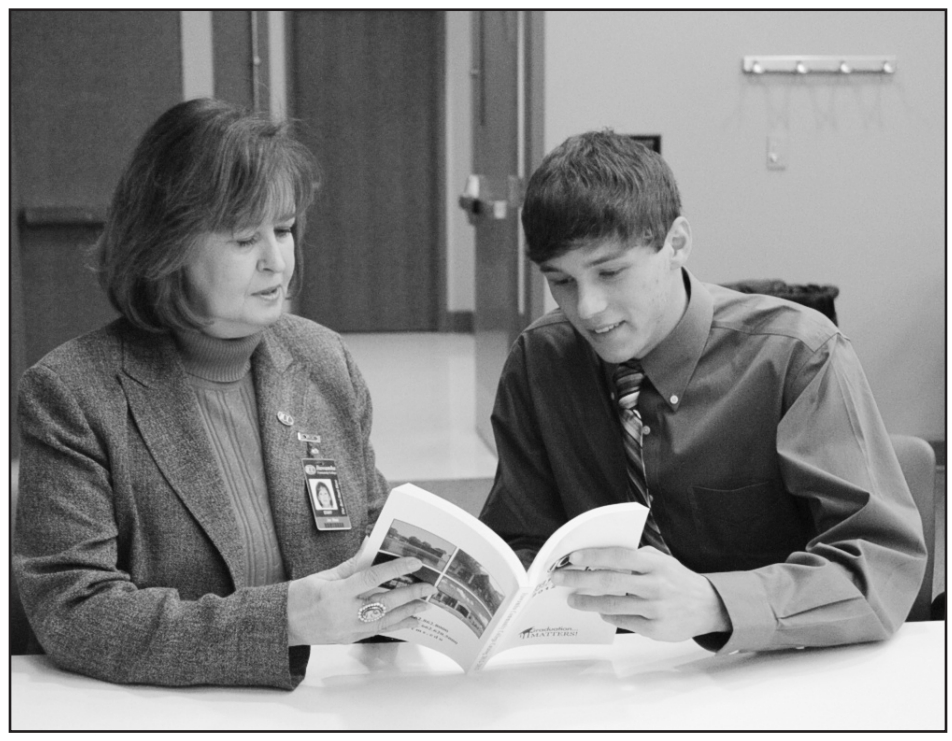
All non-credit programs are located at the Belden Center.

ICC is center for pilot online GED testing

Chieftain Reports

Itawamba Community College launched online GED testing at the Belden Center, Feb. 28. Representatives from the Washington, D.C.-based GED Testing Service joined ICC's ABE/GED team for the event.

"GED testing on computer will be a significant step to make the scheduling and testing experience easier, more flexible and faster for adult learners across the state and eventually the country. We are so pleased that Mississippi is our partner in this important endeavor."



Jan West, director of Adult Basic Education and Workforce Basic Skills at ICC, explores options beyond the GED with John Millard recently at the Belden Center.

In striving to provide more adult learners throughout the state with a high school credential, the Mississippi Community College Board is partnering with GED Testing Service in the project.

Registering, scheduling and testing on computer will provide a new experience for GED test-takers and continue to improve the GED testing system, which is a gateway for adults to find jobs or better paying jobs, enter workforce or college training programs and better support themselves and their families.

"Adult learners are often juggling jobs, families, study time and transportation issues," said Randy Trask, president and CEO of GED Testing Services.

The new computer-based GED test, which is the same content offered currently on paper versions of the test, and its accompanying systems will provide an array of new benefits for both Mississippi and GED test-takers. Some of the initial benefits include an introduction of basic keyboarding and computer skills, enhanced test security, flexible testing appointments for test-takers, instant test scores and one-stop online registration and scheduling.

"Mississippi is proud to lead the way on GED testing on computer," said Eloise Richardson, state GED administrator. "Adding this new option for adult learners will provide immediate and long-term benefits. From hospitals to construction sites, basic technology including computer use and keyboarding skills are common in the workplace today. Test-takers can now demonstrate mastery of these basic technology skills through the GED test on computer, learn immediately of their results and be better prepared to enter the workplace."

One of the advantages of the computer-based GED, according to Jan West, director of Adult Education and Workforce Basic Skills at ICC, is that examinees leave the test center with scores in hand, whereas there is a waiting period for the paper/pencil tests to be scored. A second advantage to computer-based testing is that examinees may start another test immediately after they have completed a test. With the blocked schedule paper/pencil testing, all examinees are required to wait until the designated time for the next test to begin.

The paper/pencil GED test is currently administered several times each month at ICC's Belden Center at 3200 Adams Farm Road and throughout the College's five supporting counties on a rotating basis. It includes social studies, science, mathematics and both language arts reading and writing.

The GED test, which serves as the only nationally-recognized high school equivalency program, requires just more than seven hours for completion of the entire battery, West said. To obtain a Mississippi GED credential an examinee must acquire a combined total score of 2,250 and a minimum of 410 on each content area to pass.

In 2014, paper/pencil delivery will be phased out, and computer-based testing will become the sole delivery model of GED testing. ICC is one of four Mississippi community colleges participating in the GED computer-based testing pilot program, which will offer more flexible options to test-takers. Others in the state participating in the pilot program are Northeast Mississippi Community College, Meridian Community College and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

Dr. Donna Williams selected to head ICC Associate Degree Nursing Program

Chieftain Reports

Dr. Donna Williams of Aberdeen has been selected as the new director of the Itawamba Community College Associate Degree Nursing program and the associate dean of Nursing.

Williams has been a member of ICC's Associate Degree Nursing faculty for six years with medical-surgical and maternal-newborn responsibilities for lecture and clinical hours. Her additional employment history includes postpartum nurse at the Women's Hospital in Tupelo and vice president of Patient Care Services (1995-2003) and Chief Operations Officer/senior vice president (2003-04) for Gilmore Memorial Hospital in Amory.

Williams earned the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from Samford University, the master's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, the bachelor's degree from Mississippi University for Women and the associate's degree from Northeast Mississippi Community College.

D. Williams

Her service activities have included board of directors for the Komen Race for the Cure, finance committee at Central Grove Baptist Church, ICC Public Relations committee and community food pantry. Williams has served as a Sunday School teacher at Central Grove Baptist Church since 2002. Her honors are MNA/MOADN nominee for the State Board of Nursing RN position; MNA nominee for the Governor's Task Force to Fight Newborn Mortality; treasurer of the Mississippi Nurses Association Board of Directors (two years); Mississippi Nurses Association District 25 president, vice president and secretary; president of the Mississippi Organization of Nurse Executives; delegate to the Mississippi Nurses Convention nine times; 2009 NISOD Excellence award; Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for Nurses; 2004 Employee of the Century award from Gilmore Hospital Board of Directors and administration; 2001 Top 50 Business Women in Mississippi; 1999 Nurse Executive of the Year for Mississippi and recipient of five "From the Heart" awards from fellow workers and colleagues at Gilmore Memorial Hospital.

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Bookstore buyback scheduled

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Bookstore buyback has been scheduled for the end of the spring semester.

Dates and times are

May 2 and 3 — 8 a.m.-6 p.m.;

May 4 — 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; and

May 7 and 8 — 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Locations will be the Student Activities Center at the Fulton Campus and the Multi-Purpose Building at the Tupelo Campus.

Complete information will be in the next *Chieftain.*

Four trustees join ICC Board

Chieftain Reports

Four area residents are new members of Itawamba Community College's Board of Trustees.

They include Dr. Betsy Aron Collums of Houlka, Ted Gordon of Tupelo, Michael Nanney of Fulton and Jimmy Weeks of Mooreville.

Collums, who is Chickasaw County Superintendent of Education, has previously served in several capacities with the Chickasaw County School District at the Houlka Attendance Center including gifted teacher, elementary teacher, elementary principal, assistant special education director, Reading Cadre for Reading Excellence Act Grant and coordinator for the 21st Century Community Learning Center. A graduate of Houlka Attendance Center, where she was valedictorian, Collums attended Itawamba Community College and earned the bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees, all from the University of Mississippi. Her civic and church activities are chair of the Administrative Council, church treasurer and a member of the children's committee at the Houlka United Methodist Church; district committee of Ordained Ministers for the Tupelo District of the United Methodist Church, Dixie Regional Library Board and Delta Kappa Gamma. Her honors include Taylor Medal from the University of Mississippi, National Board Certification and National Board Recertification. She and her husband, Jimmy Wayne Collums, are the parents of three children, John Aron, Nancy Christine and Anna Elizabeth.

Gordon, who is employed by Mississippi State University, previously worked for 39 years in apparel manufacturing. His educational background includes Itawamba Junior College, Mississippi State University and Memphis State University. Gordon's civic and church activities are St. Luke Methodist Church Board of Trustees, Tupelo Country Club Board of Trustees, executive committee of St. Luke Boy Scouts and president of the Friendship class at St. Luke's. He and his wife, Virginia, have one son, Ted. T. (Tommy) Gordon.

Nanney's educational background includes Itawamba Community College, Delta State University and the University of Mississippi. Currently Itawamba County Superintendent of Education, he has served as teacher, coach and school administrator. Nanney is a member of Fulton United Methodist Church, where he has been a lay leader. He was president of the Class of 2000 for Leadership Itawamba. He and his wife, Christi, have two children, Trey and Carlee.

Weeks, who is the Superintendent of Education for the Lee County School District, has served as Lee County Assistant Superintendent of Education; principal of Mooreville Elementary, Verona School and Nettleton Primary; and teacher at Guntown Middle School and Verona School. He is a member of Auburn Baptist Church. Weeks' educational background includes Itawamba Community College, Mississippi State University and the University of Mississippi. He and his wife, Tracy, are the parents of Emma Claire and John Riley.

Other members of the Board of Trustees are past chairman Alford Bell, Charles M. Carson, both of Houston; Dr. Jerome Smith, Earl Carter, both of Okolona; Barry Dendy of Woodland; secretary Bobby Jarrell, Charles A. Spencer, Carl Comer, all of Fulton; Mark Tigner, J.Q. Lesley, both of Mantachie; chairman Dan Lee Bishop of Baldwyn; Mayor Bill Williams of Saltillo; William Shack, Gill Simmons, both of Tupelo; Scott Cantrell, Thomas Griffith, both of Amory.; Marilyn Sumerford of Smithville; Jeannette Atkins, Mac Allen Thomas, both of Aberdeen; first vice chairman Eden Martin of Prairie; Ken Roye, Lee Hatcher, Gerald Ray Bell, James H. Turner, all of Pontotoc; second vice chairman Mitchell Turner of Thaxton; and Danny Park of Belden.

Awareness of safe places vital in the event of spring's bad weather

Chieftain Reports

The spring months are noted for possible severe weather in Mississippi, so Itawamba Community College's students, faculty and staff should be prepared and know the safe places at all three locations.

The awareness has been heightened with last April's devastation of Smithville.

According to Campus Police chief Ricky Brasel, in case of severe weather, Fulton has an emergency siren that will be activated at the first sign of dangerous weather.

"Each building on campus has emergency safety areas that differ for each building, and students should become familiar with the safe zone in case of an emergency," Brasel said.

The safe places include

FULTON CAMPUS

Administration Building — interior hallway and restrooms;

Davis Event Center, Fitness Center — interior hallway, dressing rooms and restrooms in Fitness Center;

Fine Arts Center auditorium — hallway behind auditorium;

Fine Arts Center music — interior hallway;

Health Science — interior hallway, restrooms and ground floor offices;

Humanities — interior hallway, restrooms and ground floor offices;

Learning Resource Center — classrooms in front of building;

Math, Speech, Business Education —leave building if safe to do so; if not, face interior wall with back to all windows;

Natural Science — interior hallway, restrooms and ground floor offices;

Student Activities Center — leave building if safe to do so; if not, restrooms and vending machine area;

Student Services — interior hallway, ground floor restrooms, post office;

Technical Education — interior hallway and ground floor restrooms.

TUPELO CAMPUS

Administration Building — interior hallway and restrooms;

Advanced Education Center — hallways and restrooms on ground floor;

Buildings B, D, E, F — leave building, if safe to do so; if not, restrooms;

Health Occupations — interior hallways and restrooms;

Learning Resource Center — classroom in west end of building, restrooms;

Purvis Center — interior hallways and restrooms;

Student Services — hallways and restrooms on east and west ends of building;

Technical Education — restrooms on ground floor, hallway and storage room by vending machines.

"In all cases," Brasel said, "everyone should remain calm and not panic. If you panic, it will only make the situation worse. Get to your designated safety area as quickly and safely as possible. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. Protect your head. Do not leave unless absolutely necessary and don't use telephones unless an emergency."

Once the weather situation has passed, Campus Police will give the all clear for students to leave the safety zones. "In all cases, be cautions, prepared and smart," Brasel said.

Captain Wilton Cooper and Will Mannors of ICC's Campus Police regularly patrol the Tupelo Campus. The Campus Police Department plays a significant role in the College's severe weather plan, which is being emphasized this month.

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Chieftain (newspaper)	Donna Thomas	620-5258
Computer Science Club	Bradley Howard	862-8140
Collegiate DECA	Jodi McCrimon	862-8144
Forestry Club	Emily Loden	862-8147
Future Educators of America	Chris Stevenson	862-8169
Future Radiologic Technol.	Paul Crum	862-8345
Indian Delegation	Allyson Cummings	862-8253
Mirror (yearbook)	Kim Williams	862-8242
MS Early Childhood Assn.	Carol Bishop	862-8136
Modern Language Club	Jolene Hoots	862-8162
Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)	Jolene Hoots	862-8162
	Robin Lowe	862-8166
	Heather McCormick	862-8191
	Dr. Ashley Lancaster	862-8326
Political Science Club	Dr. Clint Boals	862-8151
Projections	Dr. Ken Bishop	862-8161
Respiratory Therapy	James Newell	862-8347
Science Club	Kelvin Harris	862-8365
Students in Free Enterprise	Joe Williams	862-8057
Student Government Assn.	Buddy Collins	862-8271
Student Nursing Assn.	Robin Phillips	862-8321
Nurses Christian Fellowship	Dr. Earnest Agnew	862-8322

Tupelo Campus

American Sign Language	Sue Goldman	862-8163
Comp. Prog./Networking Assn.	Tanya Cox	620-5114
Indian Delegation	Carla Rose	620-5137
Phi Beta Lambda	Charlotte Overby	620-5129
Phi Theta Kappa	Dr. Janae Hagan	620-5034
	Dr. Delena Hukle	620-5163
	Betsy White	620-5033
	Judith Griffie	620-5052
Student PTA Club	Dr. Tom Hester	862-8342
Student Government Assn.	Cynthia Adams	620-5305
OTA	Suzanne Chittom	620-5028

Fine Arts Performing

All-American Marching Band	Brian Gillentine	862-8305
Brass Ensemble	Dr. Cass Patrick	862-8313
CenterStage	Karen Davis	862-8306
Chamber Singers	Karen Davis	862-8306
Concert Band	Dr. Cass Patrick	862-8313
Concert Choir	Karen Davis	862-8306
Jazz Ensemble	Dr. Cass Patrick	862-8313
Percussion Ensemble	Dr. Cass Patrick	862-8313
Symphonic Band	Dr. Cass Patrick	862-8313
Woodwind Ensemble	Dr. Cass Patrick	862-8313

Religious Opportunities

Baptist Student Union	Chris Burrows	862-3278
FultonEDGE	John Wayne Harris	
Fellow. of Christian Athletes	Nanci Gray	862-8420
Wesley Foundation	John Foster	

PTK chapters receive Regional awards

Chieftain Reports

Itawamba Community College's Phi Theta Kappa chapters received several awards at the Regional Convention held recently at Mississippi Delta Community College.

The Fulton Campus Upsilon Sigma Chapter won five-star rating, one of the highest honors afforded to chapters, and was one of the five regional winners among 43 chapters of the College Project award for Health Week in October and the Honor's Study Topic category. Christy Sudduth of Eupora, Upsilon Sigma president, was awarded the Order of the Golden Key, which is presented to the most outstanding member in each chapter.

The Honors Study topic was the Democratization of Information: Power, Peril and Promise and Issue 4: Language and Communications. PTK members researched and wrote their project on the types of media used by ICC students, faculty and staff and its community impact. They also presented their findings to the Lions and Rotary clubs as well as to area high school English teachers at the fall conference, which was hosted by the ICC English Department. The Upsilon Sigma chapter is now eligible to compete in both the College Project and Honors Study Topic categories at the International Convention in Nashville, Tenn. in April.

PTK member Christy Sudduth, left, and sponsor Heather McCormick celebrate the awards which the Upsilon Sigma chapter received at the Regional Convention held recently at Mississippi Delta Community College.

The Tupelo Campus Beta Tau Sigma Chapter was also recognized as a five-star chapter, and Karen Carroll of Amory, Beta Tau Sigma vice president of service, was the recipient of the Order of the Golden Key award. Advisor awards were presented to Judith Griffie of Amory, Paragon award, which is for distinguished service by chapter advisors of less than four years; Dr. Delena Hukle of Mantachie, Horizon award, which is presented to senior advisors who have attained new levels of achievement in the organization's programs; and Dr. Janae Hagan of Saltillo, Distinguished Advisor award, which recognizes distinguished service by advisors who have served at least four years.

Representatives from the Upsilon Sigma chapter who attended in addition to Sudduth were Anna Feather of Saltillo, Regional secretary; Emily Williams of Tupelo; Adreain Reynolds of Bruce; Aerial Drain of Belden and advisors Heather McCormick of Fulton; Robin Lowe of Amory and Dr. Ashley Lancaster of Saltillo. Other Beta Tau Sigma members who attended included Stephanie Johnson of Blue Springs; Monica McMillian of Aberdeen; Audrey Riley, Brandon Jones, both of Tupelo; Miyoshia Salters of Baldwyn; Edward Whittley of Belden and advisor Betsy White of Tupelo.

SGA officers ready to take over in fall

Chieftain Reports

Student Government Association officers will begin their terms of offices at the beginning of the fall semester.

No election was necessary for the officers since those who petitioned were unopposed.

Those who will serve as officers include

FULTON CAMPUS —

President — James Nolen Hood;

Vice President — Brandon G. Tutor;

Secretary — Tiffany J. White;

Treasurer — Nicole A. Taylor;

TUPELO CAMPUS —

Vice President — Amanda Parrish;

Secretary — Patricia Marie Dillard; and

Treasurer — Jennifer Riddle.

'Timeless Dynasties' set Apr. 3 at the Fulton Campus

Chieftain Reports

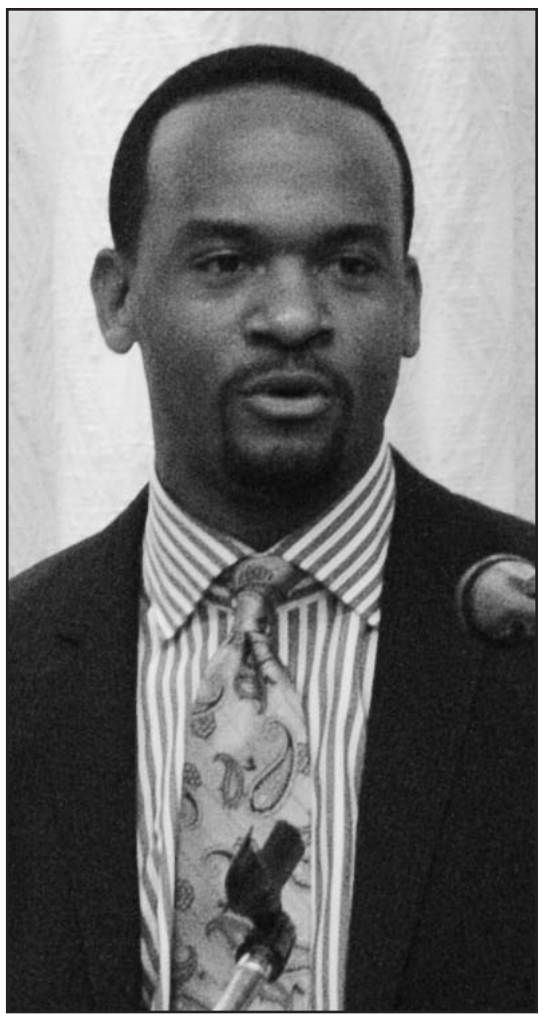
Itawamba Community College's Fashion Tribe will present "Timeless Dynasties" at 7 p.m., Apr. 3, at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium at the Fulton Campus.

The show will feature clothes from Luxe Boutique in Tupelo, Bliss Boutique in Fulton, Ella Ivy in Pontotoc, MAC cosmetics, the ICC Jazz Band and ICC film crew.

The public is invited, and admission is free.

Participants will include Shelly Collins, Anne Williams, both of Tupelo; Alex Donoho of Caledonia; Macey Heair of Houlka; Caitlin Kendrick of Amory; Emmie O'Callaghan, Candace Baker, both of Pontotoc; Ashlie Pruitt of Hamilton, Ala.; Evgeniya Sandanova of Saltillo; Brandee Smith of Oxford; Kathyrn Smith of Houston; Hannah Northington of Gattman; Jenna Baker of Fulton; Kayla Dean of Iuka and Sha'Randia Bogan of Nettleton.

The sponsor is Amy Simmons.



Left, Itawamba Community College's Emily Tucker, academic adviser, and Kelvin Harris Jr., biology instructor, were the featured speakers for the Black History Month programs presented by the Student Government Associations on both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses. Tucker spoke in Fulton, and Harris, Tupelo. — *Photos by Dale Boudreaux.*

Fashion Tribe schedules Apr. 17 tryouts

Chieftain Reports

Tryouts for the Itawamba Community College Fashion Tribe for the 2012 fall semester will be at 3:30 p.m., Apr. 17, at the Technical Education Building Lecture Demonstration Room on the Fulton Campus.

Those who wish to participate should bring a pair of heels and be prepared to walk the runway.

A $50 scholarship is awarded each semester to those who are selected.

The Fashion Tribe represents ICC through print ads and runway shows for various businesses and at events such as the Columbus and Tupelo bridal fairs and seasonal fashion shows at the Mall at Barnes Crossing.

For more information, contact director Amy Simmons at (662) 620-5281 or email amsimmons@iccms.edu.

CPNA visits Rosewood

Chieftain Reports

Itawamba Community College's Computer Programming and Networking Association spent the afternoon of Feb. 3 providing Valentine fun for the residents of Rosewood Residence in Tupelo.

Advisers and members donated gifts, socialized and played bingo with the residents, according to president Karen Carroll.

Winners received useful and fun items, Carroll said.

"Mostly we benefitted from the interaction of young and old enjoying activities."

In Concert

Members of Itawamba Community College's Jazz Band present a concert recently at the Fulton Campus.

CenterStage selected for spring

Chieftain Reports

Members of Itawamba Community College's CenterStage have been selected for the 2012 spring semester.

Vocalists are Brittany Matusiak of West Point; Brittany Gusmus, Matthew Kelly, Storm Ray, all of Mooreville; Cori Reece of Aberdeen; Vanqiesha Davis, Cody Ivy, both of Tupelo; Caitlin Kendrick, Emma Avery, both of Amory; Ashley Neal of Nettleton; Jeremy Williams of Oxford; Colby Estes of Fulton; Kelsey Lee of Ackerman and Cameron Johnson, North Pontotoc. Band members include Blayze Windham of Tupelo, Blake Miller of Nesbit, Amber Gillen of Pontotoc, Jeremy Buford of Oxford and Mitchell Alred of Smithville. Crew members are Mark Johnson, Alicia King, both of Tupelo; Austin Marshall, Will Marshall, both of Pontotoc; Hunter White of Amory; Ivye Yeatman of Columbus; Christina Dooley of Belden; Brittany Russell of Golden; David Matusiak of West Point; and Justin Bartlett of East Union.

Directors are Karen Davis of Baldwyn and Christy Colburn of Amory.

CenterStage is a high energy choreographed vocal ensemble with band accompaniment.

ICC announces GED testing dates

Chieftain Reports

The high school equivalency (GED) test will be given at the ICC Belden Center (3200 Adams Farm Road), Apr. 4, 11, 18 and 25 and at the Houston WIN Job Center, Apr. 14, beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Prior to testing, all persons not enrolled in an ICC-sponsored ABE/GED class will be required to participate in a preregistration/orientation session. Preregistration sessions will be held each Tuesday and Thursday from 1-4 p.m. or from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Belden Center. Attendance at both of the sessions is required. Those testing in Chickasaw County must register at the Houston WIN Job Center, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. or Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Applicants desiring to take the GED test must be 18 years of age and not enrolled in secondary school, and they must have an official withdrawal form from the last school attended. Sixteen- and 17-year-olds may be permitted to take the test if they meet certain criteria.

Persons will be admitted to testing upon successful completion of the preregistration/orientation session and presentation of valid government-issued picture identification card, such as a driver's license or passport. If the card does not include the applicant's Social Security number, a Social Security card will be required.

The GED has five sections including social studies, science, mathematics, language arts reading and writing. An average score of 450on each of the five tests and a minimum score of 410 on each of the five tests is necessary to receive the GED certificate. Fees are $15 for each of the five subject areas. Retest fees are also $15 per section.

The GED test is administered on a block schedule. All persons must register in advance to be eligible to test and pay their testing fees no later than Monday at 4 p.m. prior to a Wednesday or Saturday testing. Testing times begin with math at 7:30 a.m.

For more information, call (661) 620-5245.

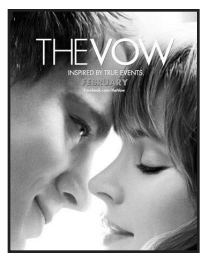
REVIEWS

Chick flick alert!

"The Vow" starring Rachel McAdams and Channing Tatum

Do you remember that special moment...the first time you laid eyes on your sweetheart?

If you are a typical female, you can probably tell where you were, what day it was and what you were wearing.



Well, if you do, you have one up on Paige (Rachel McAdams) in the movie, "The Vow."

First in the movie (don't worry, I won't give it away), a married couple, Paige and Leo (Channing Tatum) are in an accident in which Paige loses about five years' worth of memory. She spends some time in the hospital, and when she finally wakes up, she has **no** idea who her husband is.

In fact, she doesn't even recognize him. The rest of the movie is a combination of flashbacks and Leo's trying to get her to fall in love with him again.

The movie is darling, very sweet and a little steamy. Both McAdams and Tatum are incredible and make their characters totally believable and unforgettable.

I was drawn into the movie within seconds. It could be a movie to watch when you want to cuddle with your sweetheart, but heads up, you just might cry.

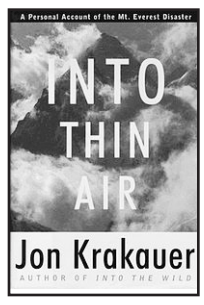
The part that tugged at my heartstrings was when I realized that it was based on a true story.

Guys, this is a chick flick. Ladies, take tissues because you will need them for sure! — ***Shea Thrash, Chieftain***

9.5 out of 10

"Into Thin Air" by Jon Krakauer

"Into Thin Air" is a book about determination, heroism, greed, poor judgment and the worst disaster to ever take place on Mount Everest.



Jon Krakauer takes the reader on a personal account of the events that took place on Everest in May 1996.

Working for "Outside" magazine, Krakauer was sent to Everest to write an article on the increasing commercialization of the mountain. Led on an expedition by Rob Hall, Krakauer along with seven other climbers set out to reach Everest's summit. On May 10, they accomplished that, but little did they know of an approaching storm that would claim the lives of four climbers on their expedition as well as the lives of five other climbers from other expeditions.

Krakauer shares every detail on his expedition, as well as the terrible events that occurred. From start to finish, his personal account reels the reader in. With such realistic and heartfelt writing, you feel as if you're on the mountain with him every step of the way. Whether it be his description of the hurricane-force winds ripping through the mountain or the determination of one climber who is left for dead, who somehow makes it back to base camp barely alive, Krakauer tells his narrative in a personal and stylistically appealing way.

I found the book not only appealing, but satisfying as well. I got to know the characters within the book, and before long, I started to feel a sense of connection with them.

This is definitely a book I would recommend to anyone. It's a great book in general, and if I had to give it a rating, I'd give it a 9.5 out of 10. — ***Dustin Edmonson, Chieftain***

We will 'always love her'

"The Bodyguard" starring Whitney Houston, Kevin Costner

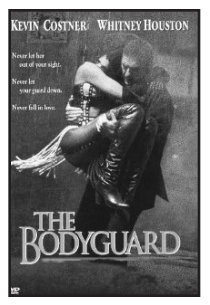
Americans and the world watched as news began to pour in that Whitney Houston had been found dead in her hotel room last month.

The six-time Grammy winner had been staying at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif. She was planning to attend a party to honor her long-time mentor, record executive Clive Davis, when she was found unconscious in her hotel tub. The official cause of her death still hasn't been released.

She burst on the scene in the early 1980s as a teen model and she occasionally performed with her mother, recording artist Cissy Houston. She later sang backup for more established artists including Chaka Kahn and Lou Rawls, but she got her big break in 1984 after her duet with R&B artist Teddy Pendergrass, "Hold Me," reached the Billboard top five.

At age 21, Houston was signed to a deal with Arista Records, which released her first album titled "Whitney Houston," which had three number one hits, "Saving All My Love," "How Will I Know" and "You Give Good Love."

Whitney became an overnight international sensation and she went on to release six more albums and star in three feature films.



The height of her success came in 1992, when she costarred with Kevin Costner in the blockbuster hit, "The Bodyguard." In that film, she plays award-winning singer Rachel Marron, and Costner, her overanxious bodyguard, Frank Farmer. A retired Secret Service agent, Farmer has been hired to protect Marron after she received a string of notes and death threats. He regrets taking the job after tension builds between them. He feels that Marron's arrogance is the reason for her current situation. The two become close after Farmer save's Rachel's son, Fletcher, after he takes a bomb-strapped boat out for a joyride. Frank falls for Rachel, and they begin an affair, one that eventually becomes dangerous.

There was some initial criticism in the United States after the film was released. At that time, it was unheard of for a white man and woman of color to star opposite each other in a love story, but the movie became one of the highest-grossing films at that time. It also produced the most successful movie soundtrack to date ("The Bodyguard"), which sold more than 42 million copies worldwide and won three Grammys including Album of the Year in 1993. Houston performed three number one hits on the album including the smash hit, "I Will Always Love You," a song Costner picked personally for her.

Houston starred in three other movies, "Waiting to Exhale," alongside Denzel Washington in "The Preacher's Wife" and the upcoming remake of the 1970s film, "Sparkle," which is set to be released in theaters this fall.

As the world mourns the passing of an icon, we will always have the music and movies to remind us of one of the world's most successful and talented singers. We will always love her. — ***Jamaal Lee, Chieftain***

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UPCOMING
Music&Arts

Band concert: April 24

Chieftain Reports

Two band concerts are on the schedule for the spring semester.

The spring band concert will be at 6:30 p.m., Apr. 24, also at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium.

Admission to the concerts is free.

Chamber Singers to perform at Tues. event

Chieftain Reports

The Japan-America Society of Mississippi presents Oyama x Nitta, two of Japan's premier shamisen artists, at 7 p.m., Mar. 27, at the Tupelo High School Performing Arts Center.

The Itawamba Community College Chamber Singers and the Blue Mountain College Chorale will provide traditional American and Japanese folk music.

All seats are $7.

Tickets are available at the ICC Bookstores, the Blue Mountain College Bookstore and the Tupelo High School Performing Arts Center box office the day of the show.

Indian Idol auditions, Wed.

Chieftain Reports

Indian Idol auditions will be from 1:30-5 p.m., Mar. 28, at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center lecture demonstration room at the Fulton Campus.

The rules include

*must perform a two-minute act (maximum time)
*Each group can contain one-three people.
*Those who are selected to perform will be notified by Apr. 2.

From left, Brandon Webber and Collin McIntyre indulge in all-you-can-eat pancakes and doughnuts during the recent Baptist Student Union fundraiser for its spring mission trip to Alaska.

Baptist Student Union raises funds for spring mission trip

YANCE FALKNER

Editor

The Baptist Student Union raised $300 for its spring break mission trip to Alaska during a Feb. 29 pancake/doughnut breakfast.

Chad McCoy of Tupelo, one of the hosts, said he looks forward to the BSU's sponsoring another breakfast during the spring semester to give students a second chance to attend. "We'd like to lower the cost to allow more people the chance to attend," McCoy said.

Those who attended had an opportunity to indulge in all-you-can-eat pancakes and doughnuts during the event, which also offered a variety of fruit toppings, whipped cream, chocolate and plenty of syrup.

In addition, several students who attended the 10 p.m.-midnight event challenged each other to see who could eat the most pancakes, which kept the cooks busy.

McCoy urged students to be on the lookout for the second Pancake/Doughnut Fest.

Indian Week April 23-27

Check your

ICC E-mail account

ICC E-mail is considered the official means of communication between students and ICC.

Using ICC E-mail, you can access:

***Official communications from instructors, business office and admissions**
*** Important financial aid information**
*** Up-to-date information on ICC activities**
*** Registration dates**
*** Important deadlines**
*** Job opportunities**

COACH

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Pate spent seven seasons with the University of Mississippi basketball program as an administrative assistant and coordinator of basketball operations before being named assistant coach by former head coach Rod Barnes in 2005.

Prior to his time at Ole Miss, Pate was an assistant coach at Ouachita Baptist (Ark.) where he helped direct the Tigers to NAIA Division I postseason play for three straight seasons (1995, '96, '97) and served two seasons (1992-94) as an assistant coach at Arkansas-Monticello, where he guided the Runnin' Weevils to back-to-back NAIA postseason appearances.

After graduating from Ole Miss in 1999, Pate was a graduate assistant coach at the University of West Alabama after spending three seasons with the Rebels' basketball program. He served as a student assistant on the 1989 team that received a bid to the NIT and the 1999 squad that advanced to the final of the SEC tournament.

"We're so proud of Grant Pate," said ICC President Dr. David C. Cole. "We've known him and seen him for a number of years. Grant is just an outstanding human being, a fine person and he's a great coach, too. He has an outstanding background in college basketball. He brings his experience in college basketball along with his ties in the ICC district. With those attributes, he's going to be a natural fit for the ICC family, and we're excited about it."

"Coach (Marty) Cooper has done an outstanding job laying a strong foundation at ICC, and we are looking forward to building on everything he has been able to accomplish throughout his time as head coach," Pate said.

Pate and his wife, Melissa, have two daughters, Katherine and Emily.

ICC Athletic Director Carrie Ball Williamson presents a cap to new men's head basketball coach Grant Pate during a press conference at the Tupelo Campus.

Graduation...It Matters!!!

Commentary

From the Sideline

Justin Hale
SPORTS EDITOR

Don't overlook ICC in sports dynasties

Nothing defines a dynasty more than championships.

Most recently in the major sports world, the Los Angeles Lakers won two NBA titles in three years.

This led me to wonder, what are the greatest dynasties in sports history?

This year, both the Lady Indians basketball team and ICC's tennis team brought home state titles.

By winning these championships, ICC has extended its streak to eight years with at least one state title.

ICC's success in recent years is comparable to other notable sports dynasties such as the New York Yankees from 1947-62. This baseball franchise won 10 World Series titles in a 16-year span, the only baseball team to ever accomplish this feat.

Despite this impressive record, the Yankees were only able to win five straight titles, still three fewer than our ICC teams.

But, ICC is not the only organization to enjoy an eight-year run at success. The Lakers of the '80s appeared in eight straight NBA finals; however, unlike our Indians, the Lakers didn't capture a title all eight years.

These two great sports franchises, the Yankees and Lakers are known worldwide as dynasties, yet their most impressive streaks pale in comparison with ICC's current one.

Eight straight titles is still an impressive number, but there are still streaks that number more than that.

From 1964-75, the UCLA men's basketball team won 10 championships in 12 years, and the Boston Celtics won 11 NBA titles in 13 years.

Such achievements would be hard to match as ICC would have to go four or five more years with a state title to be comparable to such powerhouse dynasties. If ICC were to continue this streak, it would have to last well into the next decade to eclipse the achievements of the University of North Carolina women's soccer team. The Lady Tar Heels won an unprecedented 16 NCAA championships from 1982-2000, leaving only two years in which they didn't earn championship status.

For the last eight years, ICC has been a pillar of excellence in the junior college world, and next time the thought of sports dynasties come to mind, forget the Yankees, Lakers or Celtics. Look no further than our local Itawamba Community College athletic department.

Men's season ends with loss

Lady Indians win state title

JUSTIN HALE
Sports Editor

Itawamba Community College's men's basketball team ended its regular season, Feb. 23, with a 77-73 loss to Holmes Community College and a 9-14 overall record and 5-7 in the division.

The Indians trailed at halftime, 36-30, and rallied to take a 49-43 lead with a little more than 12 minutes remaining in the contest. Despite their best efforts, the Indians were unable to overcome the Bulldogs as Torrance Rowe and Deangelo Priar combined for 50.

ICC's high scorer was DJ Gardner with 25.

They also lost in the first round of the MACJC tournament at the Davis Event Center to Gulf Coast, 76-67.

Later that night, the Lady Indians easily handled the Lady Bulldogs. Holmes struggled in the first half, and eventually fell to the Lady Indians, 82-53.

The game was close for the first half of the contest until Jameka Hoskins nailed a three to give the Lady Indians the lead. Ty-Nita Baker followed with two consecutive threes to extend the lead to nine. ICC led at the half, 45-34.

The Lady Indians turned up the defense in the second half, causing the Lady Bulldogs to commit costly turnovers.

"Our defense just wears people out," said ICC head coach Nanci Gray. "That causes the breakdown a lot of times."

With tough defense and high scorer Hoskins' impressive 18-point, eight rebound game, the Lady Indians coasted to a 29-point win. Shay Bonner boasted the game's only double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds. Verchatita Bonner also added 17 points with seven rebounds.

The Lady Indians rode this momentum into the MACJC State Tournament at the Davis Event Center.

In the Feb. 28 game against East Central, Ty-Nita Baker scored 20 points in the 77-55 victory. Shay Bonner and LaPrecious Naylon added 16 points each.

In game two against Pearl River, Naylon was the high scorer with 21. Hoskins added 19 and Vechatita Bonner chipped in 12 in the 65-61 win.

A 75-67 victory over the Copiah-Lincoln Lady Wolves gave ICC's Lady Indians the MACJC state championship title and the gold ball trophy.

The Lady Indians opened the second half on a 14-4 run to give them a 60-41 lead with a little more than 12 minutes remaining.

Although the Lady Indians were feeling that state title in their grasp, Co-Lin wouldn't go down easily, answering with a 12-1 run of its own. With 2:09 left on the game clock, Chanta Poole drained a three-point shot that narrowed ICC's lead to three.

After seeing a 19-point lead shrink, ICC's defense responded with greater intensity. Shay Bonner made two free throws with fewer than two minutes that ended the Co-Lin momentum.

Naylon stole the ball with 55 seconds left, and after Hoskins and Bonner added clutch free throws, the trophy belonged to the Lady Indians.

"This was just a team effort; it's all about the team," said Naylon, the Eutaw, Ala. native. "This championship means the world to me."

"They're all sweet, but I could probably end my life without winning another championship," said Gray, who has two high school championships and now a second junior college title to go with the one from 2008. "These girls, this is what it's all about."

ICC head women's basketball coach Nanci Gray lifts the state championship trophy as she and her players celebrate following the 75-67 win over Copiah-Lincoln at the Davis Event Center.

Cheerleader tryouts: April 13

Chieftain Reports

Itawamba Community College has announced its cheerleading clinic and tryout dates for 2012-13.

The first of two tryout clinics will be Mar. 28 and 29 from 3-6 p.m. at the ICC Fitness Center located adjacent to the Davis Event Center on the Fulton Campus.

The second clinic will be mandatory for those interested in trying out and will be held Apr. 11 and 12 from 3-6 p.m. at the ICC Fitness Center.

The cost is $35 for one clinic or $50 for both.

The official tryout date is Apr. 13 at 4 p.m. at the ICC Fitness Center.

Tryout registration forms are available on ICC's website, www.iccms.edu. Anyone under 18 must have the signature of a parent or legal guardian.

For more information, contact sponsor Dr. Bronson Prochaska at (662) 862-8050 or email bgprochaska@iccms.edu.

Gray named Coach of Year

Chieftain Reports

Itawamba Community College's Nanci Gray has been named women's basketball coach of the year by the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

Gray, who is in her sixth year as head coach of the Lady Indians, led her team to a 24-2 overall record and a 12-0 record in MACJC play, earning the North Division championship during the regular season. Her squad also finished undefeated inside the state for the first time in the history of the program.

In January, Gray won her 550th career game at ICC before capturing her second MACJC title Mar. 1with a 74-67 win over Copiah-Lincoln Community College. She has been a part of all three state titles in the history of the Lady Indians' basketball program, as a player in 1975 and as a coach, 2008 and 2012.

Five to represent ICC in MACJC All-Star games

Chieftain Reports

Itawamba Community College was well represented when the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges released its rosters for the MACJC All-Star basketball games which are scheduled for tonight at East Central Community College in Decatur.

The state champion Lady Indians will be represented by Jameika Hoskins of Aberdeen, Vechatita Bonner of Waynesboro, LaPrecious Naylon of Eutaw, Ala. and Coach Nanci Gray while the Indians' Marius Myles of Jackson has been named to the squad.

"This is a great way for these three sophomores to cap our their stellar careers," Gray said. "I hate that all four of our sophomores couldn't finish their careers together in this game because they have made so many great memories together over the past two years."

"I'm extremely proud that Marius was selected for this honor," said former Indians head coach Marty Cooper. "It is good to see all of his hard work and dedication to the game of basketball pay off with the honor of being considered one of the state's top players."

The women will play at 5 p.m., and the men, at 7 p.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Four Lady Indians named MACJC All-State

Chieftain Reports

Four Itawamba Community College Lady Indian basketball players were named to the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges All-State teams.

Jameika Hoskins of Aberdeen and LaPrecious Naylon of Eutaw, Ala. earned first team honors while Vechatita Bonner of Waynesboro was named to the second team. Shay Bonner of Starkville earned one of three spots on the honorable mention list.

"It's great for all four of our sophomores to be selected for these postseason honors," said ICC head coach Nanci Gray. "They are all deserving of these honors with all the hard work and dedication they have put into not just this season, but also their entire careers here at ICC."

Briefly Speaking

LADY INDIAN TRYOUTS

Chieftain Reports

The ICC Lady Indians will hold basketball tryouts for the 2012-13 season Thursday from 2-4 p.m. at the Davis Event Center on the Fulton Campus.

The tryout is open to unsigned high school seniors and students with National Junior College Athletic Association eligibility. Those interested in participating should bring their own practice gear.

For more information, contact coach Nanci Gray at (662) 862-8420 or assistant coach Robin Porter at (662) 862-8184.

RUFF SIGNS WITH FB PROGRAM

Chieftain Reports

Former Mississippi State safety and Fulton native Asian Ruff has been added to the 2012 football roster, according to ICC head coach Jon Williams.

Ruff helped lead Itawamba AHS to a 13-1 record and the 2009 MHSAA Class 4A North State title game as a senior starring on both sides of the ball and was ranked as the No. 25 prospect in Mississippi.

The 6-2, 185 lb. redshirt freshman has one year of eligibility left with the Indians.

EATON SELECTED TO SHOF

Chieftain Reports

Mike Eaton of Fulton, assistant to the President at Itawamba Community College and former football coach, will be inducted into the Mississippi Association of Community Colleges Sports Hall of Fame, Apr. 24, in Pearl.

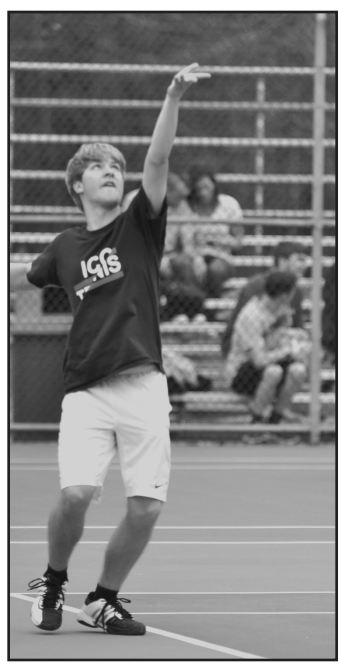
The induction ceremony will be at 7 p.m. at the Muse Center at Hinds Community College's Pearl campus.

In 2001, Eaton was inducted into the National Junior College Athletic Association's Hall of Fame selected by the Football Coaches Association and in 2011 into the Itawamba Community College Athletic Hall of Fame.

His Indians posted a 111-64-7 record during his tenure as head football coach at IJC/ICC from 1974-92.

He has coached more than 20 professional players including Ernest Dye, Tim Bowens and Norman Hand.

In Full Swing



Spring sports are in full swing at ICC. Clockwise, Kami Roberts connects with the ball. Zach Randolph swings at the pitch. Sommer Burnett and Amy-Lee Evans focus on the game. Kent Gardner serves. Records for spring sports at press time include 17-4-0, baseball; 15-8-0, softball; 6-2-0, men's tennis; and 4-2-0 women's tennis.

AT A GLANCE

Tennis Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Mar. 26	Northeast	Booneville	TBA
Mar. 30	Marion Military	Fulton	TBA
Mar. 31	Holmes	Fulton	TBA
Apr. 3	East Central	Fulton	TBA
Apr. 10	Holmes	Goodman	TBA
Apr. 19	MACJC Tourney	Tupelo	
Apr. 20	MACJC Tourney	Tupelo	
Apr. 21	MACJC Tourney	Tupelo	

Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Mar. 28	Hinds	Raymond	2 p.m.
Mar. 31	Northeast	Fulton	3 p.m.
Apr. 3	Coahoma	Fulton	3 p.m.
Apr. 6	MS Delta	Fulton	3 p.m.
Apr. 11	Holmes	Fulton	3:30 p.m.
Apr. 14	Northwest	Senatobia	3 p.m.
Apr. 17	East Mississippi	Fulton	3:30 p.m.
Apr. 21	Hinds	Fulton	2 p.m.
Apr. 25	Northeast	Booneville	1 p.m.
Apr. 28	Coahoma	Clarksdale	1 p.m.

Softball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Mar. 27	Holmes	Goodman	3 p.m.
Mar. 30	MS Delta	Moorhead	1 p.m.
Mar. 31	Marion Military	Fulton	1 p.m.
Apr. 2	Northwest	Senatobia	2 p.m.
Apr. 4	East Mississippi	Fulton	1 p.m.
Apr. 7	Arkansas Baptist	Fulton	2 p.m.
Apr. 10	Northeast	Booneville	3 p.m.
Apr. 14	Coahoma	Fulton	2 p.m.
Apr. 20	Holmes	Fulton	1 p.m.

Apr. 26-28 — State Tournament @ North Winner

Support the Indians and Lady Indians!